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For: Methods for Isolation, Quantification, Characterization and Modulation of Antigen-Specific T Cells

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper sets out a preliminary amendment for a divisional patent application being filed herewith. This divisional application claims priority to two co-pending, commonly owned patent applications, USSN 09/421,506 and USSN 09/756,983. Accompanying this paper please also find a copy of the earlier submitted declaration and power of attorney, a petition to make this application "special" (including the requisite fee), a sequence listing, and copies of the PTO 1449 Forms submitted in connection with initial and supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed in each of the two priority patent applications. References listed on the 1449 forms (which have previously submitted in connection with the '506 application) are not being submitted at this time in order to avoid duplication. If it is necessary that Applicant submit a copy of these references in connection with this application,

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